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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the application filed on August 15, 2001.

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 represent customizing a web page for a client.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fields et al. US Patent No. 6,412,008. Fields represents a method of customizing a network file, such as a web page (see abstract).

As per claim 1, Fields discloses a method for creating a customized web page comprising the steps of:

storing a web authoring software module on a storage device (column 4, lines 15-30; column 8, lines 41-54);

providing access to a web authoring software module via a distributed computing network (column 3, lines 43-67; column 4, lines 15-30);

displaying one or more options for editing existing information elements when existing information elements are displayed (customizing a web page for use at the client; column 4, lines 1-50, 63-67; column 5, lines 1-17; column 8, lines 41-54)

displaying one or more options for adding information elements within a web page (having multiple options of what can be customized; column 4, lines 1-50, 63-67; column 5, lines 1-17; column 8, lines 41-54);

in response to receiving the selection of an information element editing option, displaying one or more supplemental information editing options associated with the selected option (column 4, lines 1-50, 63-67; column 5, lines 1-17; column 8, lines 41-54);

in response to receiving the selection of an adding option, displaying one or more supplemental information element adding options associated with the selected option (column 4, lines 1-50, 63-67; column 5, lines 1-17; column 8, lines 41-54); and

displaying a preview of one or more information elements, whereby position, size, and content of the information elements are customizable in accordance with the options selected by the user (column 4, lines 1-50, 63-67; column 5, lines 1-17; column 8, lines 1-4, 41-54).

As per claim 2, Fields discloses the method of claim 1, wherein the one or more Information elements comprise at least one of text, an image, a table, a movie, music, a hyperlink, and a sound (column 5, lines 59-67; column 6, lines 11-31).

As per claim 3, Fields discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying an option to add a table (column 6, lines 19-20; column 7, lines 1-17);
and in response to receiving a selection of adding a table, requesting size information for the table (column 6, lines 19-20; column 7, lines 1-17, lines 59-67).

As per claim 4, Fields discloses the method of claim 3, wherein said size information comprises at least one of a number of rows and columns for the table (column 6, lines 19-20).

As per claim 5, Fields discloses the method of claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

receiving size information for the table (column 6, lines 19-20; column 7, lines 1-17, lines 50-67);

displaying the table in accordance with the received size information (column 6, lines 19-20; column 7, lines 1-17, lines 50-67); and

displaying one or more options within each cell of the table (column 6, lines 19-20; column 7, lines 1-17, lines 50-67).

As per claim 6, Fields discloses the method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying an option to add an image to the web page (column 7, lines 31-67; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31);

in response to receiving a selection of the option to add an image to the webpage, retrieving an image from a database coupled to the web authoring software module (column 7, lines 31-67; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31); and

displaying a preview of the image on the web page (column 7, lines 31-67; column 8, lines 1-4, 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31).

As per claim 7, Fields discloses the method of Claim 6, further comprising the step converting the image from a first format to a second format (column 7, lines 31-67; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31).

As per claim 8, Fields discloses the method of Claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection to resize the image (column 6, lines 27-29; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31);

altering computer code accessed by a browser (column 6, lines 27-29; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31); and

redisplaying the image according to the altered code (column 6, lines 27-29; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31).

As per claim 9, Fields discloses the method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

displaying an option to add a hyperlink to the web page (column 4, lines 51-64);

in response to receiving a selection of the option to add a hyperlink to the webpage, receiving the address of the hyperlink (column 4, lines 51-64); and displaying the address on the web page (column 4, lines 51-64).

As per claim 10, Fields discloses the method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of

restricting one or more types of information elements that can be added to the web page (column 5, lines 41-55).

As per claim 11, Fields discloses the method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of adding one or more tables within an existing table displayed on the web page (column 7, lines 1-31).

As per claim 12, Fields discloses computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1 (column 9, lines 32-56).

As per claim 13, Fields discloses a method for creating an electronic file viewable on a distributed computing network comprising the steps of:

storing an authoring software module on a storage device (column 6, lines 6-14; column 8, lines 41-54);

accessing the authoring software module via the distributed computing network, the authoring software module operable for creating an electronic file viewable on the distributed computing network (column 6, lines 6-14; column 8, lines 41-54);

selecting an information element to add to the electronic file, the element having a size and a location which is adjustable (column 6, lines 6-14; column 8, lines 41-54); and

displaying a preview of the electronic file as it will appear as viewed on a web browser accessing the file via the distributed computing network (column 6, lines 6-14; column 8, lines 41-54).

As per claim 14, Fields discloses the method of Claim 13, wherein the step of accessing the authoring software module on the distributed computing network comprises accessing from a remote client coupled to the distributed computing network the software module, the authoring software module residing on a server computer (column 4, lines 6-14; column 5, lines 18-35).

As per claim 15, Fields discloses the method of claim 13, wherein the information element selected to add to the electronic file comprises at least one of text, an image, a table, a movie, music, a hyperlink, and a sound (column 5, lines 59-67; column 6, lines 11-31).

As per claim 16, Fields discloses the method of Claim 13, further comprising the step of retrieving an image information element from a database coupled to the

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distributed computing network (column 7, lines 31-67; column 8, lines 15-40; column 9, lines 1-31).

As per claim 17, Fields discloses computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 13 (column 9, lines 32-56).

As per claim 18, Fields discloses a system for creating files of information readable on the World Wide Web comprising:

a distributed computer network (column 3, lines 43-50);

one or more clients coupled to the distributed computer network (column 3, lines 50-67); and

a software module accessible on the distributed computer network, the software module operable for creating a web page comprising one or more information elements, the information elements being formatted and positioned by said software module, a size and a position of each information element being unconstrained and the information elements comprising at least one of text, an image, a table, a movie, music, a hyperlink, and a sound (column 4, lines 1-50, lines 63-67; column 5, lines 1-17, lines 50-67; column 8, lines 41-67; column 6, lines 11-31).

As per claim 19, Fields discloses the system of Claim 18, wherein the software module restricts one or more types of information elements based upon instructions received from a user (column 5, lines 41-55).

As per claim 20, Fields discloses the system of Claim 18, wherein the software module comprises at least one of an HTML editor operable for creating the elements and JAVA code program operable for controlling the functionality of the elements (column 3, lines 43-67; column 6, lines 46-65).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Levy U.S. Patent No. 5,944,790 discloses a method for customizing web pages.

Rosenberg U.S. Patent No. 5,740,430 discloses.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uzma Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3995. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday 11:30am-8pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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